BODEGA RIDGE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role
The **primary** role of Bodega Ridge Provincial Park is to protect the natural values associated with the Coastal Douglas-fir (moist maritime) environment. The park, 190 hectares in size, contains unique plant communities such as the hairy manzanita and Gray's desert-parsley. The park also provides excellent habitat for peregrine falcon and bald eagle nesting and offers outstanding views along the ridge overlooking Trincomali Channel.

The foreshore area is important habitat for rockfish (especially copper and quillback), lingcod, sea perches and invertebrate species such as crabs, bivalves, red and green sea urchins, shrimp, starfish and sponges. The weathervane scallop is found in Trincomali Channel, only one of two areas in British Columbia with sizeable populations.

Recreation activities are limited to day hiking along a ridge trail, wildlife viewing, photography and nature appreciation.

Known Management Issues	Response
Vegetation may be impacted by increased visitor use and invasive plant species.	Develop vegetation management plan to address issues such as invasive species (e.g. Scotch broom, ivy, gorse).
Legal access to park.	Acquire right-of-way or purchase private lands to ensure legal access to the park.

Zoning
The entire park (190 hectares) is zoned Natural Environment.

Conservation		
Representation - ecosection	☒	Southern Gulf Islands Ecosection. This ecosection is under-represented with only 5.6% protected. One of more than 35 protected areas contributing to the representation of this ecosection and ranking 6th overall (park contributes 5.6% of total protected area representation of the ecosection). Marine foreshore protects 40 hectares in the Strait of Georgia (Marine) Ecosection (0.94% protected provincially); Bodega Ridge protects 0.53% of the total protected area.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	☒	CDFmm – this biogeoclimatic variant is poorly represented in the protected areas system (2.43%). Bodega Ridge contributes only 2.33% of the overall representation of the CFDmm.
Special Feature	☒	Manzanito (shrub-like arbutus); Gray's desert parsley; west-facing bluffs provide marine habitat for rockfish.
Rare/Endangered Values	☒	Habitat for peregrine falcon; park foreshore helps to protect habitat for weathervane scallop.
Scientific/Research Opportunities	☒	Rockfish nursery and weathervane scallop ecology.
Recreation		
Representation backcountry	☐	
destination	☐	
travel corridor	☐	
local recreation	☒	Day hiking; wildlife viewing, photography and nature appreciation.
Special Opportunities	☐	
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	☐	
Cultural Heritage		
Representation	☐	

Special Feature	☐	

Other Management Considerations

Other Designations	☐	
Relationship to other PAs	☒	Address access issue and future land acquisition on Galiano Island.
Co-operative Management Arrangements	☐	
Partnerships	☒	Cooperation with Islands Trust – stewardship with local islanders/interest groups.
Vulnerability	☒	Fire, invasive plant species.
Relationship to other Strategies	☒	PMHL program and establishment of Gulf Islands National Park Reserve. Contributes to MPA strategy and National Marine Conservation study area. Orca Pass International Stewardship Area lies to the south.

Area: 190 hectares (150 ha upland; 40 ha foreshore)

Date of Establishment: April 11, 2001 (purchased in 1995)

Zoning Map - Bodega Ridge Provincial Park

Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83

Natural Environment
Protected Area Boundary

0 500
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